

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL POLICE CAMERA AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with Representative DONALD S. BEYER JR., introduce the Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act of 2018. This bill would require uniformed federal law enforcement officers to wear body cameras and marked police vehicles to have dashboard cameras. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on federal police officers' training, vehicle pursuits, use of force and interaction with citizens.

On November 17, 2017, Bijan Ghaisar was fatally shot in his car by uniformed U.S. Park Police officers in Fairfax County, Virginia, after a vehicle pursuit on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Video of this shooting only became available through a camera in a Fairfax County Police Department patrol car that was providing backup. Had it not been for that footage, which was recorded and released by that local police department, the public would not have had access to the circumstances surrounding Mr. Ghaisar's death. Moreover, the footage revealed concerns about the Park Police's pursuit and engagement policies.

Body-worn and dashboard cameras for federal law enforcement officers are particularly important for the officers stationed in the nation's capital, where Park Police and the uniformed division of the U.S. Secret Service have full local police powers. Many other federal police also have local police powers near their respective agency buildings in the District. Cameras can increase transparency for individual interactions with police, strengthen public trust and even deter future criminal behavior. For example, when criminals know that they are being recorded by a dashboard camera, they may be less likely to flee the scene of a traffic accident because they realize that their license plate will be documented. Criminals may also be less likely to batter an officer because the recording may be used as evidence. On the other hand, officers will also be less likely to commit offenses for the same reason. Body-worn and dashboard cameras can also be used to train current and future officers more effectively in best and worst practices.

An increasing number of local law enforcement officers, including those in the District of Columbia, are wearing body cameras and using dashboard cameras. It is clear that both law enforcement and the public would benefit from federal officers following suit to increase transparency and maintain public trust.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING JOHN BROWN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Brown, a consummate

public servant who is retiring from his role as City Manager of the City of Petaluma, California, after ten years of excellent service.

Born into a family with a strong emphasis on the value of public service, John Brown embarked on what would be a 35-year career in local government beginning in 1983. For 25 years, Mr. Brown worked directly for three cities and one county in Northern California and Oregon. His roles during this time steadily evolved in responsibility, from financial and project analysis to city management and county administration. Mr. Brown developed a reputation for his acumen in producing balanced budgets while ensuring economic growth and sustaining important government services. This expertise became invaluable in 2008, when Mr. Brown left his position as City Manager of the City of Woodburn, Oregon, to become the City Manager of the City of Petaluma.

When John Brown took over as Petaluma City Manager, the city was feeling the full impacts of the global recession. Seemingly unphased by the challenge before him, Mr. Brown spent the next ten years dramatically re-shaping the city's budget while maintaining important city services. He spent the first three years of his tenure reducing general fund spending by a third, while also cutting non-essential city staff. These cuts were difficult at the time, but they allowed the city to outpace the fallout of the financial crisis. Following this period of austerity, Mr. Brown focused on growing the city's local amenities and opportunities for economic development by bringing in new retail, tourism, and mixed-use developments into the city. He also worked tirelessly to tackle the city's lingering debt repayment issues, improving the city's credit rating in the process. Altogether, these policies eventually paid dividends and the city rebuilt its reserve fund to pre-recession levels, hired back city staff and expanded city services. Today, the City of Petaluma is on firm economic footing, and prepared for a bright future. None of this would have been possible without John Brown's leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing deep appreciation for John Brown's extraordinary leadership in the face of a global recession, and to congratulate him on his retirement.

HONORING STATE SENATOR DOUG ECKERTY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize State Senator Doug Eckerty for his contribution to our state.

For nearly a decade, Doug has represented Delaware, Henry and Madison counties with honor and integrity in the Indiana General Assembly. He continues to be a strong advocate on a wide variety of important issues, including education, workforce, and environmental policy. Our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Doug has been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. I want to thank him for his

friendship and support of my work. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MARK HASKETT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the service of Deputy Assistant Director Mark Haskett on the occasion of his retirement from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Deputy Assistant Director Haskett has honored our country with 42 years of professional service, first as a United States Marine, and then as a member of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, reflecting his enduring commitment to the wellbeing of our nation.

Before his career in public service began, Mr. Haskett grew up in the small town of Union, Michigan and graduated from Constantine High School in 1972. After five years of education and work experience, Mr. Haskett enlisted in the Marine Corps, reporting to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on August 1, 1977. He served as a field wireman at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, attaining the rank of sergeant before his selection for the Enlisted Commissioning Program. On July 1, 1979, Mr. Haskett was commissioned a second lieutenant, and assigned the military occupation specialty of Combat Engineer Officer. Ultimately reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel, Mr. Haskett held many posts over his 27-year Marine Corps career from Deputy Camp Commander at Camp Schwab in Okinawa, Japan, to Director of Installations and Logistics for the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, California. During his Headquarters Marine Corps tour, he demonstrated his capability, proving instrumental in fielding the Assault Breacher Vehicle which saw combat service.

In 2004, Mr. Haskett retired from the Marine Corps and was hired by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. In his service as Deputy Assistant Director, he administered internal security programs and provided facility and support for special agents and professional staff operating from nearly two hundred facilities.

Mr. Haskett proved his determination and leadership as an instrumental NCIS principal involved in the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure decision to move the Agency's headquarters from the Washington Navy Yard to Marine Corps Base Quantico in Stafford County, Virginia in order to collocate it with four other defense investigative partner agencies. The 719,000 square foot Russell-Knox Building was designed and built for this purpose, and the collocation took place during the summer of 2011.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Deputy Assistant Director Mark Haskett's lifetime of accomplishment and dedication. An admirable example of leadership and service, and a proud and outstanding member of our community, may God bless Mr. Haskett and his family as they begin a new chapter in life. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.